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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND REPROCESSING

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1. WE QUOTE BELOW THE DELEGATION'S REPORT TO CNEN ON SUBJECT
MEETINGS:

QTE. HELD THIS MORNING (I.E., MARCH 23) IN GERMANTOWN THE
PLANNED MEETING ON WASTE MANAGEMENT BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES
OF DOE AND ITALIAN GROUP FORMED BY ZIFFERERO, BOCCOLA, RISOLUTI
AND LANZANO. AMERICANS ILLUSTRATED THE WASTE MANAGEMENT OR-
GANIZATION AIMS, PROGRAMS AND BUDGETS. ALL ARE INCLUDED IN
REPORT THAT I WILL FORWARD TO YOU UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

PROF. ZIFFERERO ILLUSTRATED PRESENT ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE
PROGRAMS. THE LIMITED SCOPE OF THE PRESENT CNEN ACTIVITY
RELATIVE TO THE WASTES PRODUCED BY THE PILOT REPROCESSING
PLANTS WAS EVIDENT. THERE IS OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE
ASSISTANCE FROM DOE RESTRICTED TO THE SAFETY EFFECTS AND ENVIRON-
MENTAL PROTECTION FOR SUCH WASTES, WHICH ARE ALREADY PILING
UP IN A CERTAIN QUANTITY.

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AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT FOR THEIR
PART LIMITED COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD MIGHT BE POSSIBLE BECAUSE
(THE ITALIAN INTEREST) IS INSPIRED BY INCIDENTAL CONSIDERATIONS
RATHER THAN BY A POLICY OF FUEL REPROCESSING. IT WAS AGREED
IN ANY CASE THAT CENEN WOULD HAVE FORWARDED THROUGH THE NORMAL
CHANNELS A FORMAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THE VETRIFICATION

PROJECT, PRESENTING IT IN THE FRAMEWORK EXPRESSED ABOVE.

THE PREVIOUS VISIT AT HANFORD BY CNEN TECHNICIANS MAY BE CONSIDERED POSITIVELY FOR IT WAS POSSIBLE TO ACQUIRE AN ADEQUATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE CURRENT CNEN PROGRAM. IN CONCLUSION:

1. SMALL RESPONSE AND IN ANY CASE RESTRICTED TO LIMITED GOALS FOR THE PROGRAM OF WASTE CONDITIONING WHICH IS CONSIDERED AS STRICTLY CONNECTED WITH THE REPROCESSING ACTIVITIES;

2. GREAT RESPONSE TO COOPERATION FOR GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION ON FINAL DISPOSAL;

3. THERE STILL REMAINS A REMARKABLE CONFUSION ON THE WHOLE FIELD OF REPROCESSING WASTES BECAUSE OF LACK OF DEFINITIVE DECISIONS ON TECHNOLOGICAL CHOICES AND ON DISPOSAL SITES.

I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO INFORM YOU THAT LAST WEEK A EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MISSION HAD A SERIES OF MEETINGS AT GERMANTOWN ON THE SAME SUBJECT. ZIFFERERO AND LANZANO UNQTE.

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPORT FROM THE U.S. ON THESE MEETINGS. DO DOE AND NRC REGARD THE ITALIAN REPORT AS ACCURATE? IS THERE LIKELY TO BE ANY FOLLOWUP?

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3. WE GATHER THAT RESEARCH ON VITRIFICATION OF WASTE HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED. SCIATT WOULD APPRECIATE A CLEAR STATEMENT OF OUR POLICY AND ITS JUSTIFICATION. GARDNER

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